EMU halt between Kulwa and Somna

3222. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: WHI the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no railway station or halt for stoppage of EMUs and passenger trains, between Kulwa and Somna Railway Stations, near Khurja Station in Northern Railway, due to which public face problems for up and down journeys to Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have received requests/representations from the public, recommended by Members of Parliament; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to create a new railway station or halt between Kalua and Somna Railway Stations, for the convenience of the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) A representation has been received for opening of halt station between Kulwa and Somna Stations. The proposal has been examined and not found financially and operationally justified.

Rail bridge over Saryu in Ayodhya

†3223. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the railway bridge being constructed over Saryu river in Ayodhya and by when this bridge is likely to be opened for traffic;

(b) to what extent the distance between Gorakhpur and Allahabad will De minimised;

(c) whether there is a proposal to run any inter-city train between Allahabad and Gorakhpur, *via* this route;

(d) whether some South-bound trains, *via* Gorakhpur and Banaras, would be operated from this route; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) This is a part of Katra-Faizabad

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